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24. (Currently Amended) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;

receiving a wager in the gaming system;

~~providing a random gaming result in the gaming system displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;~~

paying the first progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;

paying the second progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager; and

increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager, wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein increasing the first progressive jackpot comprises increasing the first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and wherein increasing the second progressive jackpot comprises increasing the second

1 progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second percentage being larger
2 than the first percentage.

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4 26. (Currently Amended) A gaming method further comprising:

5 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
6 system;

7 receiving a wager in the gaming system;

8 ~~providing a random gaming result in the gaming system displaying a number of rotating~~
9 ~~elements which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;~~

10 paying the first progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming result is a winning progressive
11 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and

12 ~~paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning~~
13 ~~progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager~~
14 ~~amount being larger than the first wager amount; and~~

15 paying the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~
16 gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least [[the]] a
17 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

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19 27. (Currently Amended) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

20 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
21 system;

22 receiving a wager in the gaming system;

1 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system displaying a number of rotating
2 elements which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;
3 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive
4 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;
5 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning
6 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
7 amount being larger than the first wager amount;
8 resetting the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after
9 paying the first progressive jackpot, and resetting the second progressive jackpot to a second
10 predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and
11 wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

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13 28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27 wherein the second predetermined reset
14 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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16 29. (Currently Amended) A gaming method comprising the steps of:
17 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
18 system;
19 receiving a wager in the gaming system;
20 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system displaying a number of rotating
21 elements which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

1 paying the first progressive jackpot if the **random** gaming result is a winning progressive
2 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;
3 paying the second progressive jackpot if the **random** gaming result is the winning
4 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
5 amount being larger than the first wager amount; and
6 the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

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8 30. (Currently Amended) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

9 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
10 system;

11 receiving a wager in the gaming system;

12 ~~providing a random gaming result in the gaming system~~ displaying a number of rotating
13 elements which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

14 paying the first progressive jackpot if the **random** gaming result is a winning progressive
15 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; [[and]]

16 paying the second progressive jackpot if the **random** gaming result is the winning
17 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
18 amount being larger than the first wager;

19 wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines; and

20 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming
21 machines; and

wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager received by any unique linked gaming machine.

31. (Currently Amended) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;

receiving a wager in the gaming system;

~~providing a random gaming result in the gaming system~~ displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

paying the first progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; [[and]]

paying the second progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

wherein the wager activates a single payline ~~for a gaming machine through the~~ combination of symbols.

32. (Currently Amended) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;

receiving a wager in the gaming system;

1 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system displaying a number of rotating
2 elements which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;
3 paying the first progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming result is a winning progressive
4 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; [[and]]
5 paying the second progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming result is the winning
6 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
7 amount being larger than the first wager amount; and
8 wherein the wager activates a plurality of paylines ~~for a gaming machine through the~~
9 combination of symbols.

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11 33. (Currently Amended) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

12 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
13 system;

14 receiving a wager in the gaming system;

15 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system displaying a number of rotating
16 elements which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

17 paying the first progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming result is a winning progressive
18 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; [[and]]

19 paying the second progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming result is the winning
20 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
21 amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

wherein a number of paylines activated by the second wager amount is identical to a number of paylines activated by the first wager amount.

34. (Currently Amended) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;

receiving a wager in the gaming system;

~~providing a random gaming result in the gaming system displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;~~

paying the first progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; [[and]]

paying the second progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

wherein a number of paylines activated by the second wager amount is larger than a number of paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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71. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

1 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
2 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

3 ~~wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result wherein the gaming~~
4 machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
5 symbols representing a gaming result;

6 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming result
7 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
8 wager amount;

9 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming
10 result is ~~the~~ winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at
11 least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;
12 and

13 wherein in response to the detector receiving the wager, the gaming system increases the
14 first progressive jackpot and increases the second progressive jackpot, the increase in the second
15 progressive jackpot being larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

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17 72. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 71, wherein the gaming system increases the
18 first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and wherein the gaming system
19 increases the second progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second
20 percentage being larger than the first percentage.

73. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

~~wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;~~

wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager amount;

~~wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and~~

wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least ~~[[the]]~~ a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

74. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

1 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result wherein the gaming
2 machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
3 symbols representing a gaming result;

4 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming result
5 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
6 wager amount;

7 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming
8 result is [[a]] the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at
9 least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

10 wherein the gaming machine resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined
11 reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot
12 to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and

13 wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

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15 75. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 74, wherein the second predetermined reset
16 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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18 76. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

19 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

20 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
21 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

1 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result wherein the gaming
2 machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
3 symbols representing a gaming result;

4 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
5 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
6 wager amount;

7 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming
8 result is ~~[[a]]~~ the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at
9 least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;
10 and

11 wherein the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

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13 77. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

14 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

15 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
16 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

17 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result wherein the gaming
18 machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
19 symbols representing a gaming result;

20 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
21 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
22 wager amount;

1 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming
2 result is ~~[[a]]~~ the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at
3 least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;
4 wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;
5 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming
6 machines; and
7 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager
8 received by any unique linked gaming machine.

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10 78. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

11 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;
12 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
13 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

14 ~~wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result wherein the gaming~~
15 machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
16 symbols representing a gaming result;

17 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming result
18 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
19 wager amount;

20 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming
21 result is ~~[[a]]~~ the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at

1 least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;
2 and

3 wherein the wager activates a single payline for the gaming machine.
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5 79. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

6 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

7 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
8 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

9 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result wherein the gaming
10 machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
11 symbols representing a gaming result;

12 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
13 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
14 wager amount;

15 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming
16 result is [[a]] the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at
17 least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;
18 and

19 wherein the wager activates a plurality of paylines for the gaming machine.
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21 80. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

22 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

1 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
2 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

3 ~~wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result wherein the gaming~~
4 machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
5 symbols representing a gaming result;

6 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming result
7 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
8 wager amount;

9 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming
10 result is ~~[[a]] the~~ winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at
11 least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;
12 and

13 wherein a number of paylines activated by the second wager amount is identical to a
14 number of paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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16 81. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

17 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

18 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
19 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

20 ~~wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result wherein the gaming~~
21 machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
22 symbols representing a gaming result;

1 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming result
2 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
3 wager amount;

4 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming
5 result is ~~[[a]] the~~ winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at
6 least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;
7 and

8 wherein a number of paylines activated by the second wager amount is larger than a
9 number of paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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11 82. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

12 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;
13 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
14 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

15 ~~wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result wherein the gaming~~
16 ~~machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of~~
17 ~~symbols representing a gaming result; and~~

18 wherein the gaming system pays the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the
19 second progressive jackpot if the ~~random~~ gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result.

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21 83. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein in response to the detector
22 receiving a wager, the gaming system increases the first progressive jackpot and increases the

second progressive jackpot, wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

84. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein the gaming system increases the first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and wherein the gaming system increases the second progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second percentage being larger than the first percentage.

85. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82:
wherein the gaming system resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and
wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

86. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 85, wherein the second predetermined reset amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

87. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

88. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82:
wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

1 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming
2 machines; and

3 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager
4 received by any unique linked gaming machine.

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6 89. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a wager sensed by the detector
7 activates a single payline for the gaming machine.

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9 90. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a wager sensed by the detector
10 activates a plurality of paylines for the gaming machine.

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12 91. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a number of paylines activated
13 by a second wager amount is identical to a number of paylines activated by a first wager amount,
14 the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

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16 92. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a number of paylines activated
17 by a second wager amount is larger than a number of paylines activated by a first wager amount,
18 the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

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20 93. (Currently Amended) A gaming method comprising the steps of:
21 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
22 system;

1 receiving a wager in the gaming system;
2 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system displaying a number of rotating
3 elements which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;
4 and
5 paying the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot
6 if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result.

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8 94. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93 further comprising the steps of:
9 increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager; and
10 increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager, wherein the
11 increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first progressive
12 jackpot.

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14 95. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 94, wherein increasing the first
15 progressive jackpot comprises increasing the first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the
16 wager, and wherein increasing the second progressive jackpot comprises increasing the second
17 progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second percentage being larger than
18 the first percentage.

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20 96. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, further comprising resetting the
21 first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first progressive
22 jackpot, and resetting the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount

1 after paying the second progressive jackpot; wherein the first and the second predetermined reset
2 amounts are larger than zero.

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4 97. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 96, wherein the second predetermined reset
5 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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7 98. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the gaming system
8 comprises a single gaming machine.

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10 99. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93 wherein the gaming system
11 comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

12 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming
13 machines; and

14 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager
15 received by any unique linked gaming machine.

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17 100. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the wager activates a
18 single payline for a gaming machine.

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20 101. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the wager activates a
21 plurality of paylines for the gaming machine.

1 102. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein a number of paylines
2 activated by a second wager amount is identical to a number of paylines activated by a first wager
3 amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.
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5 103. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein a number of paylines
6 activated by a second wager amount is larger than a number of paylines activated by a first wager
7 amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.